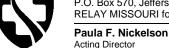
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Michael L. Parson Governor



November 21, 2022

Dear Health Care Provider,

The Missouri WIC program would like to inform you of a change to our contract infant formula options.

Missouri WIC contracts with Abbott to provide Similac infant formulas. In September of 2022, Abbott notified the state agency that they are discontinuing production of their added rice infant formula, Similac for Spit-Up, and they will not be providing a replacement product.

Currently, Missouri WIC program is utilizing the USDA Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) waivers to allow purchase of competitor's formulas for all contract infant formulas including Similac for Spit-Up until January 31, 2023.

To secure an added rice formula option after the FNS waivers expire, the Missouri WIC Program has elected to provide Enfamil AR as a non-contract brand infant formula. Under federal guidelines, states electing to provide a non-contract brand infant formula must require medical documentation from a physician or health care provider with prescribing authority.

Effective January 1, 2023, participants may be issued Enfamil AR only if they have a completed Medical Documentation Form (WIC-27) with qualifying diagnosis from their health care provider. Participants or health care providers may submit completed WIC-27 forms to the participant's local agency for approval. Qualifying diagnoses include acid reflux or GERD.

Please refer to the <u>Missouri WIC Approved Formulas and WIC-Eligible Nutritionals</u> listing for approved formula options for infants and children.

We hope this information will help you assist your patients and our participants of the Missouri WIC program. If you need assistance, please contact the Missouri WIC program at 800-392-8209 or email WICinfo@health.mo.gov.